

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ILLEGAL FELLING OF TREES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that illegal felling of trees is taking place in the country particularly in Delhi ;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases which came to the notice of the Government during the last three years and current year indicating the categories of trees thus cut down, location-wise ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) Incidents of illicit felling of trees do take place from time to time in different parts of the country. In last three years no case of tree felling was recorded in the forest areas under the control of Forest Department, Government of Delhi. However, outside the forest areas, following cases have been reported under the provisions of Delhi Tree (Preservation) Act, 1994 during the last three years:-

Year	Location-wise No. of cases booked			Total	Compensation
	Cases realised (in Rupees)				
	South	West	Central		
	Divi-	Divi-	Divi-		
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2002-03	32	61	179	272	6,15,818/-
2003-04	42	50	160	252	9,32,072/-
2004-05	21	35	44	100	6,88,256/-
2005-06					

(till date) 00 09 05 14 91,530/-

(c) The Government of NCT of Delhi is taking the following steps to check illicit felling of trees : -

(i) Fencing of forest and plantation area.

(ii) Running of tree help line for receiving complaint regarding the tree offences and taking appropriate action against such offences.

(iii) Enforcement of the Delhi Tree (Preservation) Act, 1994.

(iv) Engagement of 75 Ex-Servicemen for protection of forest / plantation area.

(v) Publicity and extension activities through RWA, Eco Club, Advertising etc. for generating public awareness for protection of tree and forest.

